

## Overview

A 2006 ceasefire in one of the most densely populated countries in Africa started a lengthy recovery process after 13 years of ethnic warfare. The agriculture sector, on which 90% of the population is dependent, vastly underperforms. The Government of Burundi will have to take the necessary steps to give the Burundian population, the Burundian private sector and foreign investors the tools and opportunities necessary to move beyond the legacy of poverty towards stable and broad-based economic growth. Access to land, particularly for women, is a paramount need. Elections held in 2005 were recognized as being free and fair; however, Burundi must continue to develop a stable and productive democracy that operates in an inclusive and transparent manner. *The 2010 elections will be a crucial indicator for peace and justice in Burundi.*

## Promoting Good Governance

USAID is assisting the Government of Burundi to move forward on improved policy reforms. For example, USAID supported a successful revision of the land code, advancing the government's land tenure reform in 2008. Government officials are building capacity to adopt participatory processes that include civil society and the media in making key public reforms. To fight corruption, USAID helps build the capacity of government and non-governmental institutions on accountable, transparent use of public resources.

USAID improves civic participation and reinforces **the capacity of civil society**, including the media, to act as a reform agent-- a vital component of a functioning democracy.

Women's leadership initiatives promote broader **participation by female leaders** into political processes through increased knowledge and skills in conflict mitigation and anti-corruption mechanisms. Implementing partner: Chemonics.

For the 2010 national elections USAID supports **free and fair electoral processes**; open and improved coverage of issues by the media and civil society organizations; voter education campaigns; and reinforcement of legal and regulatory frameworks that facilitate competitive, multiparty elections. Implementing partner: International Foundation for Election Support.



*Women's leadership anti-corruption training*

USAID supports nationwide implementation of **conflict mitigation and reconciliation** programs to establish mechanisms to resolve land-related issues; reinforce community conflict mitigation structures; and develop integrated curricula for emerging leaders necessary for managing and mitigating conflict. Implementing partners: Search For Common Ground, Associates in Rural Development, Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services and Woodrow Wilson Center through Burundi Leadership Training Program.

## Encouraging Economic Growth

USAID is helping to accelerate the agriculture sector to serve as the leading engine for broad-based development.

USAID helps to **diversify rural agribusiness** through improved agriculture and natural resources governance; strengthened domestic markets, and expanded regional and international trade. The program is developing agro-enterprises that will raise rural incomes; diversify economic opportunity; and identify and strengthen the competitive coffee, dairy and horticulture industries by linking producers to domestic, regional and international markets.



*Payment of quality premium to coffee farmers*

A partnership between the University of South Carolina and the University of Ngozi is helping to **strengthen higher educational capacity** and community-based, **rural agribusiness development**.

In collaboration with Interbank Burundi, USAID is promoting the commercial banking sector's ability to provide **loans to small and medium-sized agriculture producers**, agriculture enterprises and microfinance institutions.

Through an innovative **Business incubator** start up, businesses are provided with services (access to information technology, business plan development, office space, business machines and training facilities) that are critical for an entrepreneur to turn

a good idea into a profitable venture. Implementing partner: Development Alternatives, Inc.

To reduce food insecurity in several Northern provinces, **Food for Development** activities will: 1) Improve sustainable agricultural production and productivity 2) Increase incomes 3) Enable better health, sanitation and nutrition practices and 4) Increase community capacity to identify and respond to emergencies. Implementing partner: Care International and International Medical Corps.

### Strengthening Social Sector Services

USAID is improving the health of and protection for vulnerable Burundian populations by expanding and improving **HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment** services, particularly for vulnerable communities along major transport corridors. Implementing Partner: Family Health International.

**Maternal/child illnesses** are a major driver for morbidity and mortality in Burundi. The Government of Burundi is receiving support to strengthen its health care capacity while the health of pregnant women and children under five years of age is being improved over time. Implementing Partner: Pathfinder.



Community health workers during practice training

**Victims of torture** are being supported through healing activities. Organizations supporting these individuals are receiving technical and managerial support to improve outreach and services. Implementing Partners: Trauma and Healing and Reconciliation Services.

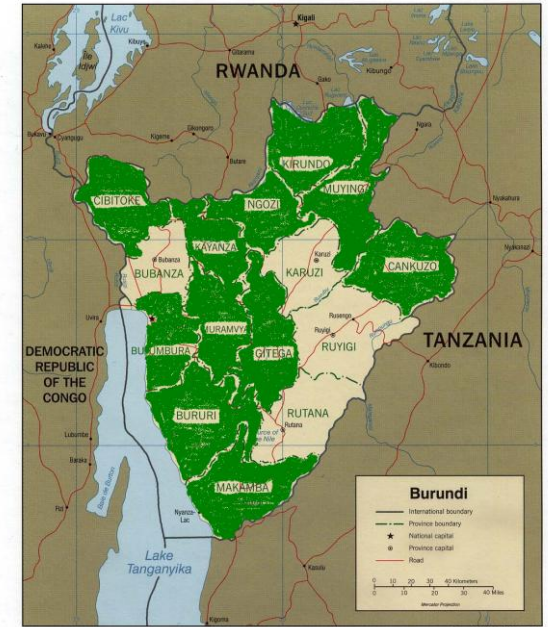
Two **child survival** projects are helping to reduce morbidity and mortality among children under five and women of reproductive age. Implementing partners: World Relief and Concern Worldwide.

A **Multi-year Food Assistance Program** will focus on prevention and treatment of major childhood illnesses such as malaria, diarrhea, acute respiratory illnesses and; maternal and young child nutrition (especially behavior change and disease prevention). Livelihoods will be enhanced through nutrition education and community-based therapeutic feeding. Implementing partners: International Medical Corps and Catholic Relief Services.

Burundi received funding to fight **malaria**. The focal areas are: treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapies; distribution of insecticide-treated nets; indoor residual spraying strategy; intermittent preventive therapy for pregnant women; and epidemic preparedness and response.

The regional **Family Planning** program aims to develop models to deliver comprehensive reproductive health/family planning/gender based violence services for populations affected by crisis.

USAID/Burundi's budget has grown from US\$ 9.6 million in 2007 to US\$ 35.5 million in 2009.



USAID works in the following provinces: Bujumbura rural, Bururi, Cibitoke, Cankuzo, Gitega, Kayanza, Kirundo, Makamba, Muramvya and Musinga.

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